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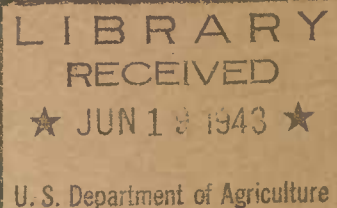
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WAR FOOD ADMINISTRATION

U.S. Food Distribution Administration



RATIONING AND EXPERIMENTAL LABORATORIES

The question of the procedure for obtaining rationed foods for experimental purposes has been raised by a number of research institutions. In order to help those having difficulty in satisfying their needs, the following note has been prepared:

Amendment 18 to General Ration Order Number 5, issued April 24, 1943, states that, "On and after May 1, 1943, any use of a rationed food for experimental, educational, testing or demonstration purposes is an industrial and not an institutional use." This amendment lists experimental laboratories as industrial users and therefore requires them to proceed as directed under the institutional and industrial users sections of the various Ration Orders.

An industrial user (laboratory) registers, either in person or by mail, with the local board serving the area in which his principal office is located and receives an allotment to enable him to obtain and use foods covered by food rationing orders.

An application for the opening of a new establishment (laboratory) or original application to obtain rationed commodities must be made on OPA Form R-315. Such application should be submitted to the local War Price and Rationing Board which serves the area in which the establishment (laboratory) or its principal business office is or will be located. The local Board will forward the application with its recommendation and all supporting data to Washington for appropriate action.

An application by an industrial user (laboratory) for allotment of a specific rationed food must be made in the following manner:

SUGAR: If the applicant (laboratory) used sugar in 1941, his allotment will be based on actual usage during that year. He must register on OPA Form R-310 and apply for his allotment on R-314. The local Board shall take appropriate action.

If the applicant did not use sugar in 1941, his allotment will be granted by the local Board in accordance with the ruling received from Washington where the petition shall be sent by the local Board.

COFFEE: A laboratory which uses coffee for experimental purposes is considered a Class "A" industrial user of coffee, i.e., a "person who uses roasted coffee in the preparation of a beverage which he does not serve." He must apply to his local War Price and Rationing Board which shall determine his monthly allotments.

PROCESSED FOODS: The applicant shall register on OPA Form R-1308, and include a record of his historical use of processed foods on which subsequent allotments will be based.

MEAT, CHEESE, BUTTER AND EDIBLE FATS AND OILS: The applicant shall register as an industrial user on OPA Form R-1605, and include a record of his historical use of foods rationed under Ration Order 16 and his inventory of such rationed foods as of March 28, 1943. Allotments will be issued accordingly.

Sections 1407.81 to 1407.95 of Ration Order 3 cover the industrial use of sugar. Sections 1407.1015 to 1407.10175 of Ration Order 12 cover the industrial use of coffee. Article VI of Ration Order 13 and Amendment 10 to that Order cover the industrial use of processed foods. Article VII of Ration Order 16 covers the industrial use of meats, cheese, butter and the edible fats and oils.

Additional information as to the procedure for obtaining rationed foods for experimental purposes as well as copies of the various rationing orders, amendments, and necessary forms may be obtained from local War Price and Rationing Boards.

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